Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. 02-03-05

Issued at Cordova, Alaska January 18, 2005

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m.

January 19, 2005

Expiration Date: June 30, 2005 unless superseded by

subsequent emergency order

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the State of Alaska resident and nonresident hunting season for mountain goat in registration permit hunt RG245, which includes that portion of Unit 6(D) west of Browns Creek, south of Lowe River and Port Valdez, and north of Jack Bay and the main channel of Jack River. All other mountain goat hunting regulations in the remainder of Game Management Unit 6 are not affected by this emergency order.

REGULATION:

1 goat by registration permit only

Therefore, the following regulations in **5AAC 85.040(2)**, **Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Goat**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective:

Resident

Units and Bag Limits	Open Season (Subsistence General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
(2) Unit 6(D), Hunt RG245: specifically, that portion west of Browns Creek, south of Lowe River and Port Valdez, and north of Jack Bay and the main channel of Jack River	Sept. 15-Jan. 19	Sept. 15-Jan. 19

All other mountain goat hunting regulations in the remainder of Unit 6 are not affected by this emergency order.

Kevin Duffy Commissioner

By delegation to:

David W. Crowley Area Wildlife Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Aerial surveys during August 2003 indicated a population of about 123 goats resided in registration permit area RG245. The Department set the maximum allowable harvest at 6 goat units. Reported harvest is now at 6 goat units, including 2 nannies. Additional take beyond the harvest objective could harm the long-term stability of the population.